



WEEK'S EVENTS FORECASTED

Senate to Consider Statehood Measure.

MAY VOTE ON FRIDAY

Railroad Rate Bill Is Occupying Attention of the Entire Senate.

MOROCCO CONFERENCE FOCUS

France Does Not Want to Make Concessions on Bank Questions Until Morocco Police Matter Is Settled in Some Manner.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—The forecast for the week is as follows:

The Senate will devote most, if not all the week to the consideration of the statehood bill with a view of reaching a vote which is in accordance with last week's agreement. Possibly Culberson may speak on the railroad rate question today, but if he does this will be the only interruption in the statehood bill. Practically all interest centers in the Foraker amendment. Even friends of the measure concede the vote will be close and the opponents are confident of its defeat.

The fact that the railroad bill will not be allowed to occupy the floor will not prevent activity concerning it. The bill is receiving more attention than any other measure and will remain in the foreground until finally disposed of. The bill will be made unfinished business as soon as the statehood bill is out of the way.

For the first time during the present congress the House is short of work. There is nothing in sight for the present week except the Indian Appropriation Bill.

The Algeiras conference continues the focus of international interest. According to the motion passed Saturday, the policing of the country will be considered. Should an agreement be reached, an early solution of the whole problem and the adjournment of the conference is looked for.

In view of the recent riots in France, much interest attaches to the consistory at the Vatican on March 10th for the purpose of considering the attitude of the French government in the matter of the separation of church and state. The Pope, it is said, will formulate a protest against the separation and probably a secret instruction will be sent the bishops of France, as to their attitude toward the new law.

KILLS HIS WIFE.

BUFFALO, March 4.—H. L. Whitbeck, physician and dentist, killed his wife with a hammer today and then blew out his brains with a rifle. Whitbeck's mind was affected.

ENTIRE VILLAGE ENGULFED BY LAKE ISEO IN ITALY

ROME, March 4.—The village of Tavernola, built on perpendicular cliffs, above Lake Iseo, in the province of Brescel, was almost entirely destroyed this morning by the rocks suddenly giving away, apparently because the lake

CLEARING DEBRIS AWAY.

MERIDIAN, March 4.—Before the army of determined men attacking the storm swept and debris strewn streets, the vast amount of wreckage is giving way slowly, but surely. The Sabbath following the disastrous storm was a day of funerals. A million and a quarter dollars are now thought to be a conservative estimate of the damage. No additions to the casualty lists have been made.

WOULD PARDON WARE.

OMAHA, March 4.—The friends of Rev. C. C. Ware of Lead, S. D., who was recently convicted of conspiracy to defraud the government by means of fraudulent homestead entries, will appeal to President Roosevelt to remit the jail portion of the sentence. The appeal, it is said, will be made through the Episcopal Diocese of South Dakota. Ware's sentence is a \$1000 fine and a year's imprisonment in the county jail.

VERY PLEASANT.

PARIS, March 4.—King Edward's visit is attracting great attention. The cordiality which greeted the exchanges between the King and President Faillieres during his majesty's call was much remarked. The king remained half an hour. Later the president returned the call at the British embassy, where a state dinner was held this evening. Afterward the president, king and Premier Rouvier conversed for nearly an hour.

RISELAND IS NAMED

Appointed Washington State Fish Commissioner After Fight

CRAWFORD MAY BE RETAINED

T. R. Kershaw Will Be Permitted To Remain In Office For Ninety Days to Close up His Work—Riseland Supporters Jubilant.

BELLINGHAM, March 4.—Governor Meade late Saturday afternoon announced his selection of J. L. Riseland as successor to T. R. Kershaw, state fish commissioner.

The Kershaw followers, who have fought a valiant fight, accept defeat gracefully, realizing that it is the fortune of war that some must suffer defeat in the strife for political preference. The Riseland supporters are jubilant and are duly celebrating their victory tonight.

Early in the day the governor announced to the political workers that the evidence was all in and that it but remained to weigh the same and pronounce the word which should close one of the warmest contests over an appointive office in the gift of the chief executive ever waged in the state. He was thus vouchsafed comparative quiet today, in marked contrast to yesterday, and employed a portion of the morning in visiting Judge Netter of the superior court and other friends in the court house.

The announcement of his choice was made about the middle of the afternoon and soon spread throughout the city for everybody was on the qui vive to learn his decision. To say that it came as a surprise to any one would hardly be

had eaten into the base of the cliffs. The disaster was preceded by a loud roaring which enabled the 1000 inhabitants to escape. One fisherman was killed. About 200 feet of rock and the houses on it were swallowed by the lake, the people having a narrow escape.

EIGHT HUNDRED PERSONS REPORTED DROWNED

ARE AFLOAT ON ICE IN THE GULF OF FINLAND

One Thousand Finnish Fishermen With Families Are Fishing on Ice Which Parted Carrying Them Out to the Open Sea.

TWO HUNDRED PERSONS FLOAT ASHORE ON BLOCK OF ICE

DISPATCH COMES FROM HELSINGFORS TELLING OF DISASTER—REPORT STATES ONE THOUSAND WERE CARRIED OUT INTO BALTIC SEA—NO HOPE REMAINS FOR THE MISSING EIGHT HUNDRED PEOPLE.

HELSINGFORS, March 4.—It is feared 800 fishermen with their families who are afloat on the ice in the Gulf of Finland are doomed to perish. A fortnight ago about 1000 persons were fishing off Eastland, when the ice parted and they were driven into the Baltic Sea. Later the ice split and yesterday a block on which were 200 persons came ashore at Fredericksham. The

fate of the others is unknown. Daring robberies are being committed in Finland and terrorizing the population. They are attributed mainly to the Letts and Estonians, who have fled from the Baltic provinces. An alarming feature is the social democrats, who are strong in the Grand Duchy, and are sympathizing with the revolutionists across the gulf.

correct, for although both the Kershaw and the Riseland forces have maintained an air of confidence as to the outcome, the governor appears to have kept his own counsel so well as to keep them all in the anxious seat almost to the hour of the announcement of his choice. It is understood that Jack Crawford will be retained as superintendent of hatcheries. While not openly stated to be a fact it is altogether believable that this is one of the conditions attaching to Riseland's appointment.

ALL IS QUIET.

Militia at Springfield, Ohio, Will Leave Today.

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio, March 4.—The militia now on duty will return home tomorrow. The city was quiet all day. The body of the dead brakeman Davis, was taken to Columbus today. Evidence is secured against 300 persons, including many mere boys. The investigation shows the recent mobs were made up almost wholly of young men from sixteen to twenty-one years.

SCHOFIELD DIES.

ST. AUGUSTINE, Florida, March 4.—Lieutenant-General J. M. Schofield, retired, former head of the army, died tonight of cerebral hemorrhage. Schofield's body will be taken to Washington tomorrow for interment. He was 74 years old.

OPERATORS TO MEET.

PITTSBURG, March 4.—Another meeting of the independent coal operators of the bituminous coal fields will be held here on March 19th, prior to going to Indianapolis.

FALSE RUMOR.

BOISE, March 4.—There is a rumor here that Jack Simpkins is arrested and it is being added that Simpkins has confessed and sent word to Adams to do likewise. The improbability of such a story and the explicit denial by the authorities, indicating it is without foundation.

ANARCHISTS MEET.
Denounce the Arrest of Steunenberg Murderers as Unjust.

CHICAGO, March 4.—At a meeting today of the industrial workers of the world, an organization recently launched for the purpose of uniting laboring men and socialists, A. M. Simons, editor of the International Socialist Review was vigorously applauded, when he denounced the authorities for the arrest of the men accused of complicity in the Steunenberg murder. "We are growing in strength and nearing a crisis," he said. "We are strong enough to prevent them hanging these men in Idaho, our lives must be given before we permit them to hang." Another speaker was Oscar Neebe, one of the Haymarket rioters, who has not been heard in public since his release from the penitentiary. A \$200 subscription was raised to assist in the defense of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone.

COUNSELMAN TOWED IN.

Breakwater Has a Rough Trip From Coos Bay to Frisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 4.—The steamer Enterprise arrived here today nine and a half days from Hilo towing the small steamer Charles Counselman. The inability of the Counselman to carry sufficient coal to last through the voyage explains her towing by the Enterprise. The steamer Breakwater which arrived here today had a fierce battle with the waves on her way down the coast from Coos Bay. Captain Johnson states that never in his experience has he encountered such a terrific gale of wind. At times the velocity was 80 miles an hour.

FREIGHT CARS PILE UP.

SACRAMENTO, March 4.—Late today twelve freight cars of the west-bound freight train left the track between Auburn and Colfax and piled up in the ditch. An unknown tramp was killed and another slightly injured. None of the crew were hurt. The cars were badly wrecked and the track blocked.

FAVORITE PASTIME.

SOUTH BEND, March 4.—The second burglary within ten days took place last Sunday morning. The Potts & Dodge saloon was broken into and a case of whisky and one of champagne and some brandy, worth in all \$100 or more, were taken. The sheriff located the stolen liquor on board the schooner Encore, loading lumber at the Simpson mill. The mate was arrested, but the captain gave security for him and he was allowed to go on his own recognizance, although the mate claims having no hand in the matter. Some of the sailors supposed to have taken the liquor disappeared. One of the officers watched for them at Raymond last night, expecting them to board the Encore at that place.

CAR BARNS BURN.

NEW YORK, March 4.—The Forty-second street car barns of the Metropolitan Company were destroyed tonight. One life is said to be lost and several are injured. The damage is \$200,000. The fire was exceedingly spectacular and at one time the flames leaped several hundred feet in the air.

TACLOBAN DESTROYED.

MANILA, March 4.—Tacloban, the capital of the Island of Leyte, was destroyed by fire. The damage is \$600,000. Government assistance will be sent.

DRAMATIC SUICIDE

Russian Charged With Taking Government Money Suicides.

GAPON SOCIETY INQUIRES

With Disappearance of Matushensky, Who Embezzled \$12,000 Belonging to Workmen, Discovery Made That Was Subsidized.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 4.—During the meeting of the Father Gapon organization today, which is investigating the scandal involving charges of accepting money from the government, the accused member dramatically committed suicide.

With the recent disappearance of Matushensky, assistant of Father Gapon, who is charged with the embezzlement of \$12,000 belonging to the workmen's organization, it was discovered that the moderate organization, which Gapon organized was subsidized by the government. The revelation was made by the president of the Putloff section of the organization, which complained that the \$12,000 had not reached the treasury of the moderate party. When Matushensky was arrested it was said he would be taken to St. Petersburg for trial and the proceedings were expected to be sensational.

REPORT IS UNFOUNDED.

ST. PAUL, March 4.—Louis W. Hill, vice-president of the Great Northern Railway, when shown the dispatch relative to the government's decision to charter the steamers Minnesota and Dakota, declared the statement without foundation.

VALDIVOSTOK MADE PORT OF ENTRY BY RUSSIA

WASHINGTON, March 4.—Russia's renewed attempt to establish a permanent foothold in Northern Manchuria by making Vladivostok a port of entry instead of Dalny and Port Arthur is described in an official report made public by the state department today.

FRENCH HAVE ADVANTAGE

Majority of Powers Oppose German Stand.

POLICE QUESTION UP

Germans Will Be Compelled to Show Hand on the Police.

BANK DISPUTE TO COME NEXT

Police Question to be Subject of Discussion—Pope to Protest Against Separation of Church and State in France.

PARIS, March 4.—The decision at Algeiras Saturday to proceed with the immediate consideration of the police question is a source of great satisfaction here, chiefly because France has ranged with her a large majority of the powers.

The semi-official Temps seems to accept the decision as a vote in favor of France's proposals, saying:

"The vote, though referring to a question of procedure, is valuable to us from more than one standpoint. Not only have Great Britain, the United States, Spain, and Russia adhered to our ideas, which was foreseen, but Italy, Belgium, Portugal and Holland unhesitatingly recognized and recorded themselves favorably to our proposition."

The Temps Algeiras correspondent, however, points out that the vote refers merely to procedure, signifying the desire of the conference to attain a result. At the same time the action of the delegates should not be minimized, he says.

The result also affects the diplomatic status of the controversy. Germany wants to settle the bank question first. France does not want to make concessions on the bank question until sure of Germany's attitude on the police. The decision therefore requires Germany to say whether she is prepared to change her attitude on the police.

Indications are that if Germany does not yield, France will not, thus accentuating the former deadlock by carrying it into open conference.

ALGECIRAS, March 4.—One of the delegates having the most vital interest in the conference said tonight that a settlement of the controversy now seemed possible, but declined to make known along what lines.

However, the trend of recent events has indicated that if a settlement is reached, it will most likely be because France will make concessions on the bank question and Germany will adopt a less uncompromising attitude concerning the police.

The report recently reached Washington from one of the department's agents in China.

The report expresses the belief that this will redound to the development of American trade and will result in a great curtailment of the importance of Shanghai as a distributive point.